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Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, Inc.

GIRL SCOUTS

November 1991

Camp Attendance is Up for 1991

Attendance figures show our summer camp programs served more girls with quality outdoor programs in 1991.

Seven Hills had international staff from England, Scotland, Poland, Hungary, New Zealand, Switzerland, Maylasia and Denmark. These young people come to us through the "Camp America" program. Campers learn much about other countries and cultures by sharing their camp experience in a personal way with our international staff members. Green Lake day campers were also part of the Camp America experience this year.

International staff at Green Lake included two Girl Guides, one from England and one from Scotland.

Campers roasted marshmallows, sang around campfires, cooked s'mores, met people from all over the world, stargazed, made candles, climbed trees, watched sunsets, slept out in the open air and took home memories that will last a lifetime.

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Girl Scouts Promote Literacy

The third week in April was National Library Week and the celebration included a statewide read-aloud-day. Council representative Pleasant Barker read to third graders at Build Academy as part of the "Great American Read Out-Loud Day".

Literacy was a national focus for Girl Scout service projects across the country during 1991.

Field Director Pleasant Barker reads to students at Build Academy's "Great American Read Out-Loud Day".

Council Services

The Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, Inc. offers quality programs to all girls ages 5-17. In the past year the council served approximately 12,000 girls in Buffalo and Erie County.

Over 3,000 adult volunteers assist with program delivery.

Program topics are drawn from the five "Worlds of Interest". The World's of Interest include:

The World of the Arts
The World of Well-Being
The World of People
The World of Today & Tomorrow
The World of the Out-of-Doors

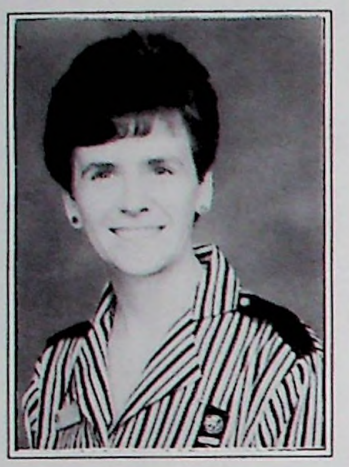
Girl Scouts Help the Environment

This spring Girl Scouts planted trees at various sites across Erie County. As part of the council's ongoing environmental awareness programs, tree seedlings were distributed on Girl Scout Leader's Day in April. Over 1,400 Girl Scouts received white spruce seedlings to plant and care for as part of a council-sponsored patch program. Emphasis was placed on continuing care of the delicate seedlings to insure their survival. An activity resource book and educational brochure provided the girls with many ideas for conserving natural resources.

Junior Girl Scouts from troop 1064 in Snyder planted their seedlings at the new Integrated Recycles plant at Tifft Street and Hopkins Road. A plaque at the site honors the Girl Scout donors.

Janet Lindstrom and Marianne Van Hise helped to distribute tree seedlings to over 1,400 Girl Scouts as part of this year's Tree Planting Patch Program.

President's Corner



Dear Friends,

The year ahead of us is shaping up to be a very challenging one!

Two of our most important task groups "Goals" and "Strategic Alternatives" presented their recommendations to our Board at the November Meeting. These task groups will assist the Board in setting the agenda for our Council for the next six years. Both groups have been working diligently over the summer months, studying statistical information and analyzing trends in our continuing effort to extend our services to the girls of our community.

The Employed Personnel Task Group is conscientiously working on their assignment, another important charge. This is the group of volunteers who will be analyzing the results of a randomly sampled survey sent to our membership. This survey was developed to assess the needs (provided by our Service Center) to our membership. In addition they are doing a thorough analysis of the Employed Personnel Policies of our Council. They will be presenting recommendations to the Board of Directors periodically over the coming year with a final report planned for the April Board Meeting.

Lady Baden-Powell was reported to say "It is difficult to improve the future without disturbing the present". As this year unfolds, and the future begins to materialize, it seems particularly appropriate to reflect on this observation.

Camille A. Spyra

President

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(No Evening Hours)
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A Two Year Grant Brings Girl Scouting to More Girls

Over $25,000 has been received by the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County as part of the Public Housing Drug Elimination Program grant.

The grant came to Girl Scouts via the Dept. of Substance Abuse Services and the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority. The first part of the funds has arrived and is allowing new Girl Scout troops to form at various Buffalo sites. The grant money will be used to set up and supply troop services to girls over a two-year period. This fall 150 new girl members are being served as a result of this funding.

The council is always interested in hearing from groups wishing to bring Girl Scout services to their area. Funds from this particular grant are limited to the sites named below and determined by the Dept. of Substance Abuse Services and the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority. Sites include: Commodore Perry, Kenfield-Langfield, Lakeview and A.D. Price areas.

Lakeview Girl Scouts toured the USS Samuel B. Roberts as part of the council's "Girl Scouting in Summer " progam.

Plans Unfold for Council Publications

With the approval by the Board of the 1991-1992 Operating Objectives, changes are anticipated for the council publications.

In an effort to deliver timely news to volunteers, a new bi-monthly newsletter will be sent to members. The bi-monthly newsletter will contain program support information for leaders and service team volunteers as well as reports of Board action.

In an effort to update and educate the general public about Girl Scouting an external newsletter will be sent twice a year to community leaders and friends of Girl Scouting.

News regarding other changes in publications will be shared with our members as further plans unfold.

THE GIRL COMES FIRST IN GIRL SCOUTING

A "Burnley Exchange" Reunion

Erie County Girl Scouts participated in a number of international exchanges from the mid-1970's through the mid-1980's. The Burnley exchanges took place between local Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in Burnley, Lancashire, England. Many close friendships were formed through the "Link" exchanges.

One such story is that of Becky DeRoo of Amherst and Diane Brennand of Burnley, England. The girls first made contact with each other as pen pals when they were eight-year-old Brownie Girl Scouts. They remained pen pals for five years before having the opportunity to meet through the "Link" program.

In the summer of 1983, DeRoo travelled to England with local Girl Scouts led by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Hummer. The group spent time in London and also camped at a well-known Girl Guide site called Waddow. Brennand and DeRoo met at Waddow and DeRoo went on to stay with Brennand's family in Burnley for the rest of the trip.

During her stay in England, DeRoo saw Brennand receive the Queen's Guide Award, an award of distinction which includes a certificate of recognition from the Queen. (Similarly DeRoo received the Gold Award, Girl Scouting's highest honor in 1988.)

Brennand came to Buffalo in 1984 on a "Link" exchange and stayed with the DeRoos. While she was here she went camping at a local Girl Scout camp, attended a reception at the Buffalo Girl Scout Council and did some sightseeing with the DeRoos.

This June, DeRoo and Brennand were re-united in Buffalo. Having kept up their long-distance Friendship, the tow wanted to see each other again as "adults". So

Council staff member Nancy Keech reminisces about past "Link" exchanges with Diane Brennand of Burnley England and Becky DeRoo of Amherst.

Brennand planned a three-week visit to the U.S. Last spring DeRoo, a Senior at Bryne Mawr College, was able to see Brennand in England while returning from college studies in Paris, France.

Although it had been seven years since the two had seen each other, they both felt "as close an ever". In fact, they say other family members feel "like extended family". They would like the two families to meet some day.

DeRoo and Brennand both found their Girl Scouting/Girl Guiding experiences influential and valuable. DeRoo found the stay in an English family's home a "culturally broadening experience".

During a stop at the Girl Scout Service Center, the two talked with staff member Nancy Keech who had also visited Burnley on a "Link" exchange. Keech has kept up friendships she made through the "Link" including Mrs. Coral Kirkbright, who was Brennand's troop leader.

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Seven Hills Program Highlights:

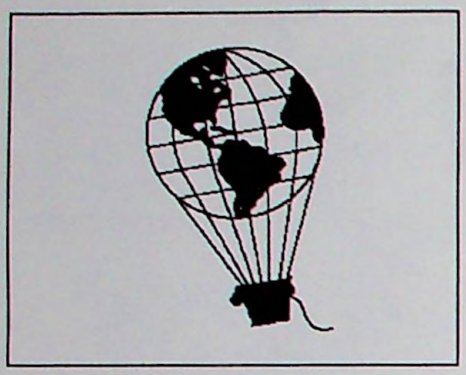
* 18 girls (Counselors-In-Training) backpacked in Allegheny National Forest for a week
* 45 campers enjoyed dramatics programs
* 3 girls participated in an advanced ecology program
* 93 girls were involved in waterfront specialty units
* 136 girls tried the high and low ropes courses
* 12 girls participated in a variety of sports programs

Special thanks to our camp directors:

Beth Bergeron
Judy Fix
Patti Gengler
Karen Keuther
Sharon Barley
Debbie MacPherson
Sheryl Andreozzi

1991 Attendance Figures Council-sponsored Summer Camp Programs

Seven Hills Resident	1040	(up 9.58% over 1990)
Green Lake	495	(up .6% over 1990)
Seven Hills Day	204	(2 weeks)
Sky High Depew	57	(1 week)
Sky High West Seneca North	76	(1 week)
Point Breeze Camporee	72	(2 weeks)



The Sky's the Limit as Cookie Sale Kicks-off

Media celebrities and Girl Scouts teamed up for the Girl Scout media event at Eastern Hills Mall on September 26, 1991. The annual event marks the beginning of the Girl Scout Cookie Sale in Erie County.

The theme for the cookie sale was "Explore Your World - the Sky's the Limit". The three timed races in the event began with a "hot air balloon" race as runners tried to deliver Girl Scout Cookies to the finish line using a mini - hot air balloon. The "Recycle Scramble" and "Earth Matters" races focused on Girl Scout environmental programs.

Honorary Chair, Wendy Stahlka of WBEN/Q102, emceed the event which included three colorful guests, Buster T. Bison, Sabretooth and WUTV's Freddy the Foxhound.

Special thanks to all the media celebrities who participated. Honors went to WYRK (3rd place), Metro Community News (2nd place) and WXRL (1st place).

"On Call" Girl Scouts from Tonawanda, Buffalo, and Lakeview acted as partners for the celebrity teams.

Volunteer Chair, Norma Farruggia organized the adult volunteers for the event.

The Girl Scout media event increases public awareness of the annual cookie sale which provides over 60% of the council's annual income.

Thanks to our media event teams!

WBEN-AM **Carol DiRienzo**
Luanne, Tianay Hardy, Stacy Stamboulis

MIX 92.9 **Chris Whittingham, Colleen Brannigan**
Nina Daughtry, Mellissa Poliseno

WEZQ-FM **Dan Lenard, Jim McCormick**
Mari Menifee, Danielle Daruszka

WGR-AM **Leslie Marshall, Doug Young**
Teresa Edwards, Nicole Walsh

WJYE-FM **Joe Chille, Rob Stoddard**
Melissa Banazak, Jill Dieter

WKSE-FM **Sam Malone, Wease**
Katie Hummel, Dawn Tisdale

Q102.5 **Rob Lucas, Joelle DiGioia**
Allyson Walsh, Cynthia Weaver

WUFX **The Bear Man, Meltdown**
Shauvon Blue, Courtney Fitzgerald

97 Rock **Larry Norton, Mark Stout**
Kelly Edwards, Beth Smith

WGRZ-TV **Mike Igoe, Barry Lillis**
Carisa Thompson, Jennifer Wolf

Akron Bugle/Cheektowaga Times
Marilyn Kasperek **Kelly Ackerman**
Sandy Stebbins Kim Baginski

Western New York Family Magazine
Scott Fischer **Karen Glenn**
Janet Payne Demeree Barth

and special guests:

- **Buster T. Bison**, Buffalo Bisons
- **Freddy the Foxhound**, WUTV
- **Sabretooth**, Buffalo Sabres

Special thanks to:

- **Wendy Stahlka, Honorary Chair & Emcee**
- **Dave Perry**
- **Eastern Hills Mall**

Thanks for supporting the 1991 Girl Scout Cookie Sale in Erie County:

Charlap's Dairy ... *for milk carton panel ads and...*
the following ice cream parlors for serving Girl Scout cookie desserts-
Ben & Jerry's, Kenmore Avenue
Jenny's, Main Street
Johnny B's, Mapleridge Center
Friendly's, Union Road
Suisse Haus Ice Cream Cakes, Southgate Plaza

The first place team from WXRL receives their awards from mascots Buster T. Bison, Freddy the Foxhound and Sabretooth, as emcee and Honorary Chair Wendy Stahlka looks on.

Media Event Honors

1st place
WXRL-AM

Linda Lou Schriver
Dave Saunders
Girl Scouts: Allison Clark
Jennifer Dublin

2nd place
Metro Community News

Marion Paris
Susan Hoffman
Girl Scouts: Renee Magyar
Kim Chambers

3rd place
WYRK-FM

Dale Mussen
Paul Collins
Girl Scouts: Lori Pease
Catherine
Chimera

On call Girl Scout troops teamed up with celebrities to run the event races.

Council Nominating Committee Seeks Referrals

Do your part and share in the Buffalo and Erie County Girl Scout Council Nominating process...

The year-long work of the Council Nominating Committee is in progress. This Committee, elected by the Council delegate body, has a pivotal role which will influence the future of Girl Scouting in our jurisdiction.. The Committee's sole responsibility is to nominate those persons who have the greatest competency and necessary attributes to direct the affairs of the Council. The Committee's work will culminate in the presentation of a single slate of candidates for elective volunteer positions at the Council's Annual Meeting in May 1992.

People are needed who have a variety of skills and interests; diversity in cultural, ethnic, social, religious and economic backgrounds from the community at large as well as those within the Girl Scout community.

You can help the Council Nominating Committee by referring names of people you feel may be competent and interested in serving on the Board of Directors or on the next Council Nominating Committee.

All you need to do is submit the names to the Nominating Committee on the form below. The Nominating Committee will take care of contacting the person. All referrals are treated with discretion and are kept in confidence.

PROSPECT REFERRAL FORM

Return to: Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, Inc.
Attention: Council Nominating Committee
70 Jewett Parkway
Buffalo, New York 14214

Referred for:
- ❑ Board Member-at Large/Officer
- ❑ Girl Representative on Board (14-18 yrs.)
- ❑ Council Nominating Committee

Name_____

Street_____

City_____ **State**_____ **Zip**_____

Phone (day)_____ (eve) _____

Business/Occupation_____

Is the person currently a member of Girl Scouts?_____

Referred by: Name_____

Address _____ Phone _____

City Safari girls Jennifer Cherry, Niama Bryant, Joshlyn Bishop, Jessica Blum, Tiya Bibbs and La Tasha Pounay enjoyed visiting with Betty Jean Von Langen and "Keesha" from the SPCA serving Erie County.

Golf Classic Raises Over $8,000

On July 8, 1991, seventy-two golfers took part in our third annual golf classic. The golf classic sponsored by National Fuel, WGRZ-TV and WEZQ-FM, took place at Wanakah Country Club.

Golfers enjoyed lunch, an afternoon of golf, a chinese auction and dinner. At the dinner, awards were presented for first, second and third place, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin. Honorary Chair, Ed Kilgore of WGRZ-TV presented the awards.

The golf classic committee was chaired again this year by Debra Stachura.

Over $8,000 was raised to support Girl Scout programs in Erie County.

Third Annual Golf Classic Awards

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Doug Chatwin	Barry Jencik	R. Eric Burghardt
Jack Webb	Joe Belczak	Bob Pollack
Mike Lewkowicz	Bill Wright	Mark Kashmanian
Peter Weisenborn	Jerry Mazurkiewicz	Charles Fadale

Longest Drive	Closest-to-the-pin
Shirley Krise	Laurie Lisowski
Bill Grieshober	Mike Rose

First place in the golf classic went to Jack Webb, Peter Weisenborn, Mike Lewkowicz and Doug Chatwin. WGRZ-TV's Ed Kilgore presented the award.

Girls Join City Safari

The council-sponsored City Safari program served 160 girls in Buffalo this summer. The program was offered at three city sites between July 8th and August 16th. (Mon.-Fri., 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Activities at the Perry Auditorium included: "Together Time", arts and crafts, nature activities, outdoor recreation and dramatics. The girls heard guest speakers from National Fuel and the Blind Association.

Two field trips from the Perry site took girls to Beaver Island and Girl Scout Camp Sky High. Building sandcastles, picnic lunches and nature walks were highlights of the Beaver Island trip. At Camp Sky High the girls made ice cream, roasted marshmallows, hiked and built a campfire. Regular program activities included aerobics and first aid training.

The Kenfield Langfield Community and Calvary Baptist Church also hosted City Safari. Special guest speakers at these sites included a Reading Rainbow speaker, a representative of the SPCA serving Erie County and Officer Friendly. Mini-field trips were taken to downtown Buffalo, city parks and museums, the Buffalo Zoo, Shea's Buffalo and WKBW-TV.

At each site City Safari concluded with a parent show featuring the musical, dramatic, and artistic talents of the girl participants.

Lunch and a snack were provided as part of the program services.

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In Memoriam

Winifred H. Defler
died March 3, 1991

Genevieve Budniak
died May 16, 1991

Katherine H. Hauck
died June 19, 1991

Remembering a Past President

Council members were saddened to hear of the passing of past Council President Winifred Defler. "Winni" was President from 1950-1952. She held positions on many council committees over the years including Program, Selections and Finance Committees as well as Camp Development, Camperships and Council Structure Committees. She also served as hostess for international visitors to World Association meetings in the USA and was active in the planning of Girl Scout "Round-ups". Her hobbies included travel, music and photography.

Winni generously remembered the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, Inc. in her estate.

Left to right: Ron Bojalad, Denise Meyers, Carla Palmore and Jon Blake of General Mills Plant #54 in Buffalo present a program grant to council representative Catharine Weiss (center).

Grant Given to Family Life Education

The General Mills Foundation recently granted the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, Inc. $15,000 to fund our Family Life Education program. Jon Blake, Plant Manager of General Mills Plant #54 in Buffalo made the presentation to Catharine Weiss, First Vice President of the council's Board of Directors. General Mills Contributions Committee members, Carla Palmore, Denise Meyers and Ron Bojalad were also present.

Family Life Education is a broad program focusing on the physical, psychological and social dimensions of development. The goals of the program are to provide accurate, age-appropriate information, to encourage respect for family values and the values of others, to promote communication between parent and child, and to provide a model for responsible decision-making.

"Reaching Out" by B. LaRae Orullian National President, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

Since its inception, Girl Scouting has been dedicated to meeting the needs of girls from all backgrounds and walks of life. As a result of this commitment, today's membership has surpassed 3 million, including girls of all racial/ethnic groups, socioeconomic levels, geographic locations, religious denominations and abilities.

Even though today's girl members are a heterogeneous group, they have something in common - the challenge of growing up in the 1990's. Faced with such problems as early pregnancy, child abuse, drug abuse, homelessness and peer pressure, girls need Girl Scouting more than ever. That is why the Girl Scout Movement seeks ways to make the program available to girls everywhere.

This means going where the girls are, as we have in many homeless shelters around the nation. Girls who are homeless lead transient lives, leaving them with little security and stability and very little time to make friends. Through Girl Scouting, these girls have an opportunity to belong to something solid. They make friends and have fun, both essential to a healthy upbringing. *(continued p. 8)*

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Another way Girl Scouts reach out is through *Girl Scouting in the School Day*. In many parts of the country, girls who, for various reasons, can't stay after school can now participate in Girl Scout activities during a designated class period. A supplement to the classroom curriculum, *Girl Scouting in the School Day* enhances the education experience through stimulating discussions on contemporary issues, fun-filled activities, and challenging projects.

Another way we're helping girls meet the challenges of growing up is through "Daisy Girl Scouts...Head Start Literacy." Upon graduation from Head Start, five-year-old girls become Daisy Girl Scouts, with opportunities to participate in activities designed to develop literacy skills and enhance self-esteem. Today, 24 Girl Scout councils are participating in "Daisy Girl Scout...Head Start On Literacy".

As we rapidly approach the 21st century, girls face more challenges each day. That's why the Girl Scouts must remain unwavering in our commitment to help girls prepare for their adult roles. And all adults in Girl Scouting can make a difference by letting every girl know that Girl Scouting is available to her...to help her meet the world of tomorrow.

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Tribute Fund

Let someone know, in a meaningful way, that you appreciate them--or congratulate them--or honor them with a gift through our Tribute Fund. It is a perfect means for saying "thank you" to a special leader and also appropriate for memorializing a beloved Girl Scout or Leader.

Contributions to the Tribute Fund may be made in any amount to pay tribute to whomever you wish. A contribution to Girl Scouting will give lasting significance to birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and other special occasions. It is also a fitting memorial because it provides for a gift of lasting inspiration. If the donor wishes to designate the gift to specific use, the donor's wishes will, of course, be followed.

You can help, not only by making a contribution yourself, but by suggesting such contributions to others. It is a special way to honor someone, and it is an investment in the future because it helps girls today.

Girl Scout Council of Buffalo & Erie County, Inc.
Tribute Fund Request Form
(Please copy form)

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Name of Donor

_____
Address

_____
City State Zip

_____
Phone

Tribute given as (check one):
- ❑ Birthday Greeting
- ❑ Memorial
- ❑ Get Well Wish
- ❑ Congratulations

(specify occasion)_____

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